

# Chapter 4 Learning Journey

## English

In English this term, we will be reading a book called 'The Journey', which is about the journey taken by a refugee family. We will focus on this to help us to write a narrative in a similar style, thinking about how what we write should affect the reader. Following this, we will use the narrative to help us to write a diary entry. We will also be doing comprehension lessons, our weekly spelling and will be continuing with our Steps to Read programme along with our LC Reads whole class texts.

## Mathematics

This half term we will be completing lessons on area. We will be calculating the area of rectangles in mixed units. There will be a focus on converting between units of measure and will also be looking at how to find measurements of composite rectilinear shapes. We will then be moving onto solving problems involving money and measures, looking to consolidate the various calculation strategies we have learnt this year and applying them in different contexts.

## Spanish

### El Calendario

This half term, Year 4 pupils will start with key questions practice. They will revise numbers 1-31, months of the year, days of the week, dates and will be able to ask for and say their birthday date. They will learn about Spanish birthday traditions and language related to birthday celebrations. They will also create birthday party invitations and a party and present list. The grammar focus will be on word order and the phonic focus will be the 'r' phoneme.

## Religious Education

During the first part of the summer term, Year 4 will be learning about how the message of Jesus began to spread around the world. We will be looking at the book 'The Acts of the Apostles', which follows immediately on from the Gospels. We will consider how this ties in with what we have learnt in History about early Christianity in different empires.

## Science

During this half term the children will complete their learning about circuits and conductors. This topic teaches the children to recognise that electricity works when there is a complete circuit! We will be researching and investigating different circuits. We will then be creating our own circuits and evaluating their effectiveness.

## Physical Education

This half term, the children will be developing their skills in Athletics. They will be participating in a variety of events which include sprinting, jumping and throwing

activities. They will compete competitively and aim to improve their techniques. During games lessons, they will be learning how to play rounders, developing their ability to play kwik cricket and practising their tennis skills.

## Humanities

In Geography, we will be learning about Earthquakes! We will become familiar with key terminology like 'tectonic plates', and learn about how and why earthquakes happen, as well as understanding how devastating they can be for communities. In History, we will be learning about Early Arabia and Islam. This is the first of three units in history where children will study early Islamic civilisations in depth. In this unit, students will begin by exploring Arabia before Muhammad, focusing on Bedouin culture, trade, and desert life. Students will explore Makkah's geography, as well as its place in trade throughout the Middle East and the wider world.

## Computing

In computing this term, we will be looking at repetition sequences, and how we can use them. We will learn how certain games and computer programs use repetition to great effect, then have a go at creating similar loops in our own projects.

## Music

**All Strummed Out!** This term pupils will learn the ukulele. They will discover how to read music in tab notation and decode using shapes. They will apply rhythmic notation patterns to strumming patterns as well as discover the difference between major and minor chords.

## Art

This term we will be researching the artist Andy Warhol. Year 4 will be creating their own Pop Art images in the style of Andy Warhol. We will be investigating his work and looking at what made Andy Warhol such a famous and inspiring artist and using his style as inspiration for our own art work.

## LC+

The Year 4 children will be learning and practising British Sign Language during LC+ sessions this half term. British Sign Language (or BSL) is mainly used by the deaf community, but that doesn't mean hearing people can't learn it. It's a beautiful language, and allows people to be expressive; we are looking forward to exploring this!

